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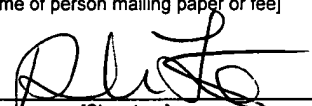
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In re Application of:)
OSKAR PACHER & GISBERT KLOSS-ULITZKA)
Int. Appl. No.: PCT/EP2003/008988)
Int. Filing Date: August 12, 2003)
For: USE OF A CHROMIUM STEEL AS RAW)
MATERIAL FOR CORROSION-RESISTANT)
SPRING ELEMENTS AND METHOD FOR)
PRODUCING SAID CHROME STEEL)

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to D) which were cited in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding international patent application No. PCT/EP2003/008988 and references E) to G) which are cited in the instant specification. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

	Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A)	USA	US 4 022 640	Tanczyn	05-10-1997
B)	Europe	EP 1 106 705 A	Nippon Steel	06-13-2001
C)	USA	US 4 594 115	Lacoude et al.	06-10-1986
D)	PCT	WO 96/11483 A	CRS Holding	04-18-1996
E)	Europe	EP 1 099 773 A1	Kawasaki	05-16-2001
F)	Europe	EP 1 113 084 A1	Kawasaki	07-04-2001
G)	USA	US 5 178 693	Miyakusu et al.	01-12-1993

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the International Search Report together with a translation of the relevant pages thereof.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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	EP 1 106 705 A	06-13-2001	Europe			yes
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	EP 1 113 084 A1	07-04-2001	Europe			yes

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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